application has, as yet, been received from M/s. Pfizer India for conducting clinical trails with Exubera (inhaler Insulin).

Free medicines to TB patients

2512. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would issue advertisements to inform the public that Government do not provide medicines free of cost to TB patients who are below the poverty line;

(b) whether it is a fact that hospitals catering to TB patients like the L.R. Hospital in Delhi do not supply free TB medicines to poor patients;

(c) if so, what steps would be undertaken by Government to ensure that only accurate and correct policies and programmes are publicized through advertisements; and

(d) the steps proposed to review all advertisements being issued by Government, which contains inaccuracies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Under the National TB Control Programme, diagnostic and treatment facilities including supply of anti-TB drugs for full course of treatment are provided free of cost to all TB patients irrespective of economic status in the entire country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Ban on gutkha and pan masala

2513. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States that have represented Government to put a ban on the manufacture, sale and export of gutkha and pan masala in the country during the last three years;

(b) the decision taken by Government in the matter; and